seemed impracticable. The Dewan however added that the fact of such a proposal being made was an encouraging sign and that he would accordingly report the matter to His Highness the Maharaja who would be very glad to hear of this additional proof of the growing interest the Members took in public matters.

Subject No. 9.
Municipality and improved water-supply at Mudgere.

Summary of discussion.—A Municipality is required for Mudgere and an improved water-supply by means of a channel.

Dewan's reply.—The proposal to establish a Municipality would be duly considered if desired by the inhabitants. As to water-supply, the Dewan having seen the place, felt no doubt that a channel to convey water to the town was practicable. But as the available source of the water-supply to such a channel was impregnated with malaria, such a water-supply would be of very doubtful benefit. A number of wells would prove better and more really useful. Needful help for digging them could be given under Miscellaneous Public Improvements.

Subject No. 10.
Cultivation of lands assigned for Gomal.

Summary of discussion.—It appears that Government have prohibited the grant for cultivation of any portion of Gomal land (land assigned for free grazing). There is abundance of such land and far in excess of the requirements of grazing in the Malnad. Prohibition of the kind mentioned would retard the extension of cultivation.

Dewan's reply.—Government have only prohibited the grant of such land for cultivation without the previous sanction of Government. Where the villagers concerned raise no objection or when they can have no good reasons to complain of the curtailment of the extent of free pasturage, the Government will always sanction such grants.

Subject No. 11.
Publication of important Proceedings of Government in Gazette.

Summary of discussion.—Important Proceedings of Government should be published in the Gazette for public information.

Dewan's reply.—They are now made available to the Editors of Newspapers who generally publish what may be useful and interesting. Arrangements will also be made for publishing a monthly supplement to the Gazette containing important or interesting official papers.

Subject No. 12.
Remission of Hulbanni and extension of Khists for the current year.

Summary of discussion.—Owing to insufficient rain this year, the hulbanni in the Tarikere Taluk should be remitted, and wet and garden assessments allowed to be paid in six instead of the usual four instalments. The wet crop is estimated but at 4 annas and the dry crop at 8 annas.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner is of opinion that the year does not threaten to be one of those exceptional years for which the standing orders provide remissions. But the Deputy Commissioners will make due enquiries at Jamabandi and report if necessary.

Subject No. 13.

Refusal to grant Kharab lands for cultivation where assessed land is available.

Summary of discussion.—Amildars often refuse applications for unassessed unoccupied lands for cultivation on the ground that assessed waste land is available in the village. This entails hardship as it is often found that very inferior or altogether uncultivable land is assessed, while arable land has been measured up with Kharab and remains unassessed.

Note.—A representation to the same effect was made by Representatives from the Chellakere Taluk, Chitaldroog District.

Dewan's reply.—There is no rule justifying such refusal as has here been brought to notice. The Survey Department probably took objection in individual cases in which the assessed available waste was very large and the application for unassessed waste in the circumstances required explanation. An explanatory circular will be issued so as to remove any misapprehension which may exist.

Subject No. 14.

Investiture of Tarikere Amildar with powers to try cases under Act XIII of 1859.

Summary of discussion.—The Amildar of Tarikere should have 2nd Class Magistrate's powers to allow of his being empowered to take cognizance of complaints under the Criminal Breach of Contract Act XIII of 1859. At present there is considerable inconvenience caused to Planters by their having to go a great distance for action under the said Act.

Dewan's reply.—Government will endeavour to send to the Taluk only Amildars fit to be entrusted with 2nd Class powers and thereby also to exercise powers under Act XIII of 1859.

Subject No. 15.

Railway from Birur to Shimoga *vid* Tarikere.

Summary of discussion.—It is necessary to connect Shimoga with the Southern Mahratta Railway at Birur by a Railway line passing through Tarikere.

Dewan's reply.—The proposed Railway is under consideration.

Subject No. 16.

Temporary dams across kodis of tanks.

Summary of discussion.—Kodis to tanks yielding more than 300 Rs. revenue having been lowered two or three feet, permission has been granted to construct temporary dams so as to raise the height by one foot. These structures should be allowed to be kept on permanently.